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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)**

To the Commissioner for Patents:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number 08/723,853, filed on September 30, 1996, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A WORK-AT-HOME TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE.. Enclosed are:

- ☒ 4 sheet(s) of drawings, 26 pages of application (including title page), and the following Appendices : N/A.
- ☐ Declaration.
- ☐ Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to : \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (8 pages) with Attachment A (1 page).

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Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
For	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	-20	
Indep. Claims	-3	
Multiple Dependent Claims Present		
*If the difference in col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in col. 2.		

Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 355
x\$9=	\$
x\$40=	\$
+\$135=	\$
Total	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 710
x\$18=	\$
x\$80=	\$
+\$270=	\$
Total	\$

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$: \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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  - ☐ The issue fee set in 37 CFR § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.311(b).

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**Marked-Up Version of The Paragraph on Page 4, Lines 26-31:**

A service switching point (SSP) 12 serves a plurality of telephone lines 14, including a telephone line 16, a telephone line 18, and a telephone line 20. Another service switching point (SSP) 22 serves a plurality of telephone lines 24, including a telephone line 26, a telephone line 28, and a telephone line [30] 29. The SSPs 12 and 22 can be included within respective central offices or end offices of a public telephone system.

**Marked-Up Version of The Paragraph on Page 5, Lines 17-24:**

For the purpose of illustration, the telephone lines 16, 18, 20, 26, [and] 28, and 29 are members of a group which subscribes to the telecommunication service. The telephone lines 16, 18, 20, 26, [and] 28, and 29 can be the home telephone lines of fellow employees of a business, for example, which subscribes to the work-at-home telecommunication service. Associated with the group are an identification number used for billing the group's telecommunication calls and a carrier identification code to identify a telecommunication carrier to carry the group's telecommunication calls.